

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** art education interrelates student learning in art production, art history, art criticism, and aesthetics; and

**WHEREAS,** art education helps students develop creative problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, teaches sensitivity to beauty and other expressive qualities, and reinforces what students learn in other subjects; and

**WHEREAS,** students involved in the arts are more likely to develop a deep understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2004 observance of Youth Art Month calls attention to the positive contribution the arts make to our communities, while showcasing the talent and skill of young artisans throughout the Palmetto State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2004 as

### YOUTH ART MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to encourage the continued development and enhancement of the arts in South Carolina.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**